

How to create Windows 2008 cluster with DSS V6 iSCSI Failover

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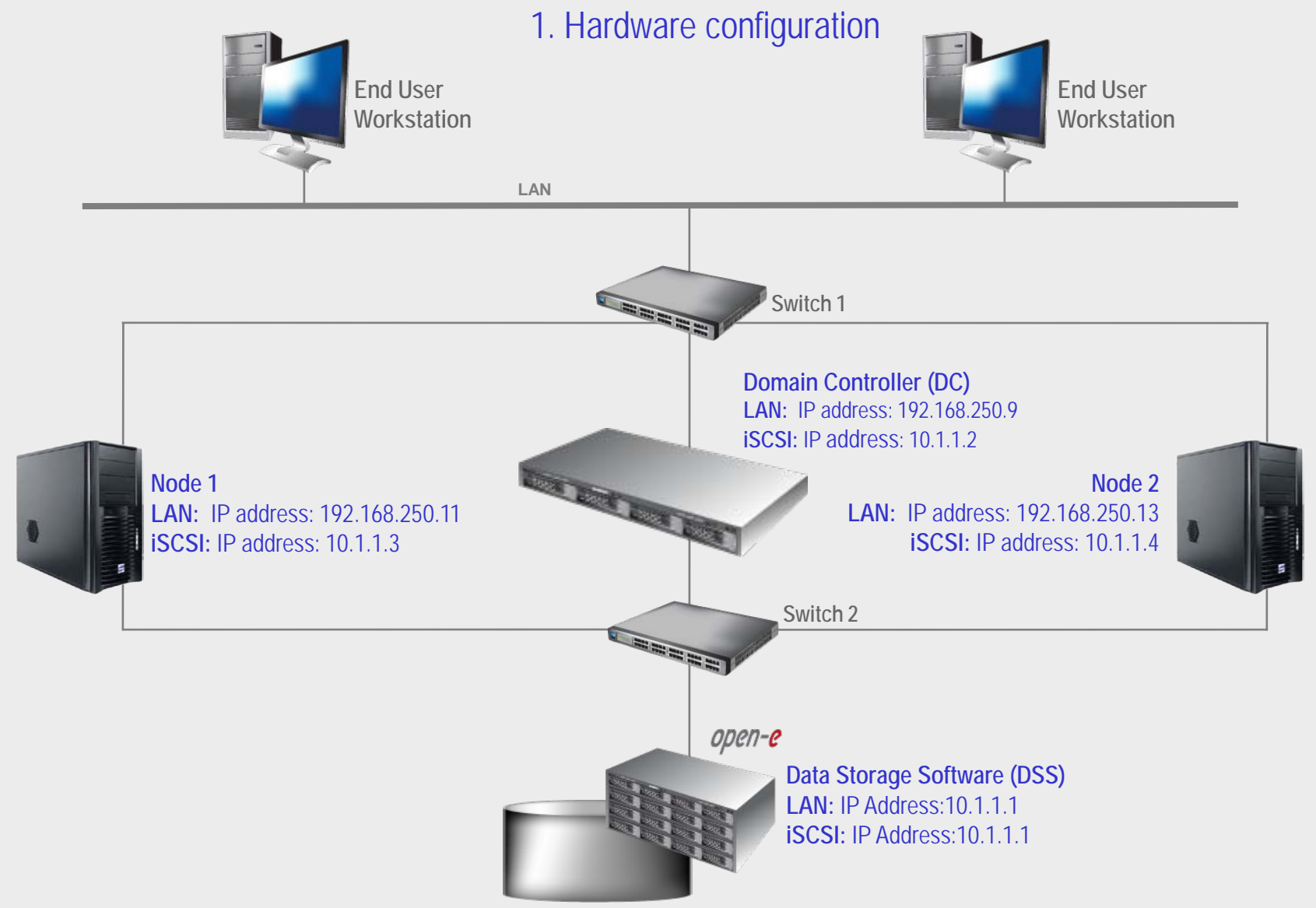
TO CONFIGURE A CLUSTER WITH FAILOVER FUNCTIONALITY ON WINDOWS 2008 SERVER ENTERPRISE EDITION, THE FOLLOWING STEPS NEED TO BE PERFORMED:

1. Hardware configuration
2. Configure Domain Controller (DC)
3. Configure Network Interfaces on the DSS V6
4. Creating Volume Groups
5. Creating iSCSI volumes
6. Creating iSCSI targets
7. Setting both nodes Windows Enterprise Edition
8. iSCSI Initiator configuration
9. Disk Management
10. Failover Clustering configuration
11. Clustering configuration

NOTE:

You must be using DSS V6 up10 build 3719 or newer.

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Functions of server: Domain controller
Host Name: DC

LAN
IP: 192.168.250.9
Netmask: 255.255.240.0
Default gateway: 192.168.240.1
DNS: 127.0.0.1

iSCSI
IP: 10.1.1.2
Netmask: 255.0.0.0

After configuring the DC server, check the settings with "ipconfig /all" from the DOS command prompt in windows.

2. Configure Domain Controller (DC)

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Administrator: C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
Microsoft Windows [Version 6.0.6001]
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C:\Users\Administrator>ipconfig /all

Windows IP Configuration

Host Name . . . . . : DC
Primary Dns Suffix . . . . . : open-e.com
Node Type . . . . . : Hybrid
IP Routing Enabled. . . . . : Yes
WINS Proxy Enabled. . . . . : No
DNS Suffix Search List. . . . . : open-e.com

Ethernet adapter Local Area Connection 2:

Connection-specific DNS Suffix . : 
Description . . . . . : Marvell Yukon 88E8052 PCI-E ASF Gigabit Ethernet Controller
Physical Address. . . . . : 00-1D-60-0E-A1-DF
DHCP Enabled. . . . . : No
Autoconfiguration Enabled . . . . : Yes
Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::dddd:1243:a4f3:93baz11<Preferred>
IPv4 Address. . . . . : 192.168.250.9<Preferred>
Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.240.0
Default Gateway . . . . . : fe80::3032:6248:7187:62ad%11
DNS Servers . . . . . : ::1
                        127.0.0.1
NetBIOS over Tcpip. . . . . : Enabled

Ethernet adapter Local Area Connection:

Connection-specific DNS Suffix . : 
Description . . . . . : Marvell Yukon 88E8001/8003/8010 PCI Gigabit Ethernet Controller
Physical Address. . . . . : 00-1D-60-0E-A0-B3
DHCP Enabled. . . . . : No
Autoconfiguration Enabled . . . . : Yes
Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::601a:b042:c6e4:ecd1%10<Preferred>
IPv4 Address. . . . . : 10.1.1.2<Preferred>
Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.0.0.0
Default Gateway . . . . . : 
DNS Servers . . . . . : 127.0.0.1
NetBIOS over Tcpip. . . . . : Enabled
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NOTE:
Add the role of Active Directory Domain Services (AD DS) and run the Active Directory wizard to set up the domain. You can use this article for further details: [Installing a New Windows Server 2008 Forest by Using the Windows interface](#)

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3. Configure Network Interfaces on the DSS V6

After logging on the DSS V6 please go to "SETUP" tab, "network" and Interfaces. Next select active interface, in this example please select eth1.

After selecting, change the IP Address from 192.168.1.220 in field IP address to 10.1.1.1, and click the **apply** button. (This will restart network configuration).

The screenshot shows the open-e Data Storage Software V6 web interface. The top navigation bar includes tabs for SETUP, CONFIGURATION, MAINTENANCE, STATUS, and HELP. The current page is 'Interfaces' under the 'network' section. A list of interfaces (eth0 through eth5) is shown on the left, with eth1 selected. The 'Interface info' section displays 'nVidia Corporation MCP55 Ethernet (rev a3)'. The 'IP address' section shows a warning that the user is currently connected through this interface. The 'Active' checkbox is checked, and the 'Static' radio button is selected. The IP address field is set to 10.1.1.1, the netmask is 255.0.0.0, and the broadcast is set to auto. An 'apply' button is at the bottom right of the IP address section.

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4. Creating Volume Groups

Under the "CONFIGURATION" tab, select "volume manager" and next Vol. Groups.



In Unit manager add the selected physical units (Unit S000 or other) to create a new volume group (in this case, vg00) and click **apply** button

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SETUP | CONFIGURATION | MAINTENANCE | STATUS | HELP

You are here: CONFIGURATION > volume manager > Vol. groups

Vol. groups

Unit rescan

Unit manager

Vol. replication

Unit	Size (GB)	Serial number	Status
<input type="checkbox"/> Unit S000	465.76	9QM8LDH1	formatting

Action:

new volume group

Name:

vg00

rescan

apply

Unit	Serial number	Status
<input type="checkbox"/> Unit S000	9QM8LDH1	

Event Viewer:

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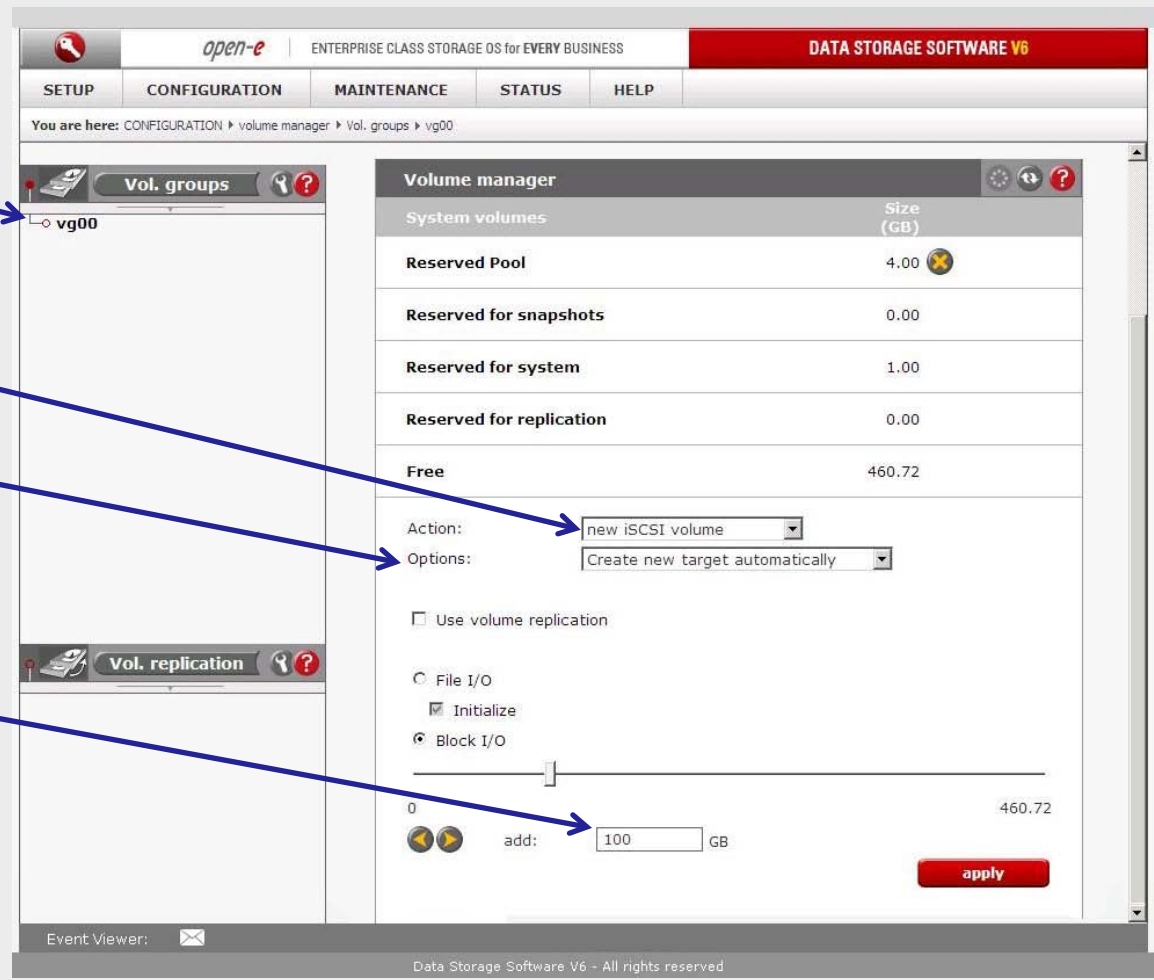
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5. Creating iSCSI volumes

Select the appropriate volume group (**vg00**) from the list on the left and create a **new iSCSI volume** of the required size. This logical volume will be the destination of the replication process. Next select in **Options** field **Create new target automatically**.

After assigning an appropriate amount of space for the iSCSI volume, click the **apply** button



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System volumes	Size (GB)
Reserved Pool	4.00
Reserved for snapshots	0.00
Reserved for system	1.00
Reserved for replication	0.00
Free	460.72

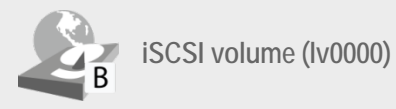
Below the table, the 'Action:' dropdown is set to 'new iSCSI volume'. The 'Options:' dropdown is set to 'Create new target automatically'. There is an unchecked checkbox for 'Use volume replication'. Under 'File I/O', the 'Initialize' checkbox is checked. Under 'Block I/O', a slider is shown with a value of 100 GB. At the bottom right, there is a red 'apply' button.

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5. Creating iSCSI volumes

The iSCSI Volume Block I/O is now configured.



Next, in **Action** field select again **new iSCSI volume** to create the 2nd iSCSI volume. After assigning an appropriate amount of space for the iSCSI volume, click the **apply** button



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SETUP

CONFIGURATION

MAINTENANCE

STATUS

HELP

You are here: CONFIGURATION > volume manager > Vol. groups > vg00

Vol. groups

vg00

Vol. replication

Logical Volume	Type	Snap.	Rep.	Init.	Blocksize (bytes)	Size (GB)
lv0000	B				N/A	100.00
System volumes						Size (GB)
Reserved Pool						4.00
Reserved for snapshots						0.00
Reserved for system						1.00
Reserved for replication						0.00
Free						360.72

Action:

new iSCSI volume

Options:

Create new target automatically

☐ Use volume replication

☐ File I/O

☒ Initialize

☒ Block I/O

0

360.72

add: 100 GB

apply

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6. Creating iSCSI targets

Under the "CONFIGURATION" tab, select "iSCSI target manager" and next Targets. Both targets should be presented as (target0 and target1).



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SETUP CONFIGURATION MAINTENANCE STATUS HELP

You are here: CONFIGURATION > iSCSI target manager > Targets

Targets

target0

target1

Create new target

☒ Target Default Name

Name:

Alias:

apply

Discovery CHAP user access

☐ Enable CHAP user access authentication

apply

Event Viewer:

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7. Setting both nodes Windows Enterprise Edition

Set up two Windows 2008 Enterprise Server Edition systems. These will be the cluster nodes. Configure basic settings such as computer name, TCP / IP configuration for both network cards, membership in the domain. As in the case of the domain controller, we will also use and configure two network connections, one to communicate with the "public" LAN and the second reserved for iSCSI traffic.

Name: NODE1

LAN

IP: 192.168.250.11
Netmask: 255.255.240.0
Default gateway: 192.168.240.1
DNS: 192.168.250.9

iSCSI

IP: 10.1.1.3
Netmask: 255.0.0.0

Name: NODE2

LAN

IP: 192.168.250.13
Netmask: 255.255.240.1
Default gateway: 192.168.240.1
DNS: 192.168.250.9

iSCSI

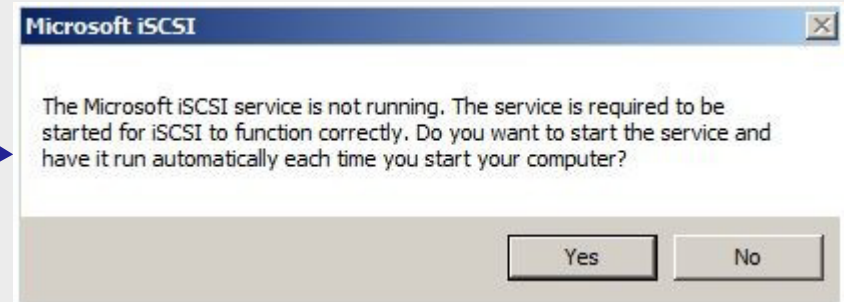
IP: 10.1.1.4
Netmask: 255.0.0.0

Add both servers to the previously created domain. All cluster nodes should be in the same OU (Organisational Unit).

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8. iSCSI Initiator configuration

After running the Windows Server 2008 Initiator application, you will be informed that the **Microsoft iSCSI** service is not running and that it is essential for the proper operation of the iSCSI. By clicking on **Yes**, you agree to include such services in the auto start area.

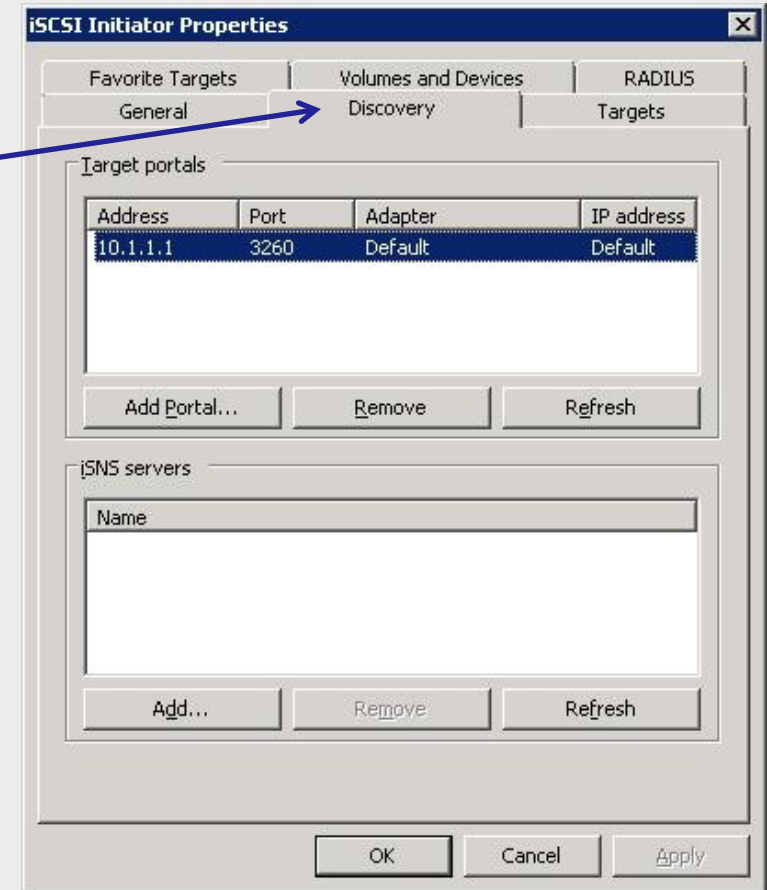


You will be immediately presented another message asking if you want to unlock the iSCSI service and allow it to communicate via the iSNS (Internet Storage Name Service) protocol. This protocol allows you to automatically search for, manage and configure iSCSI targets



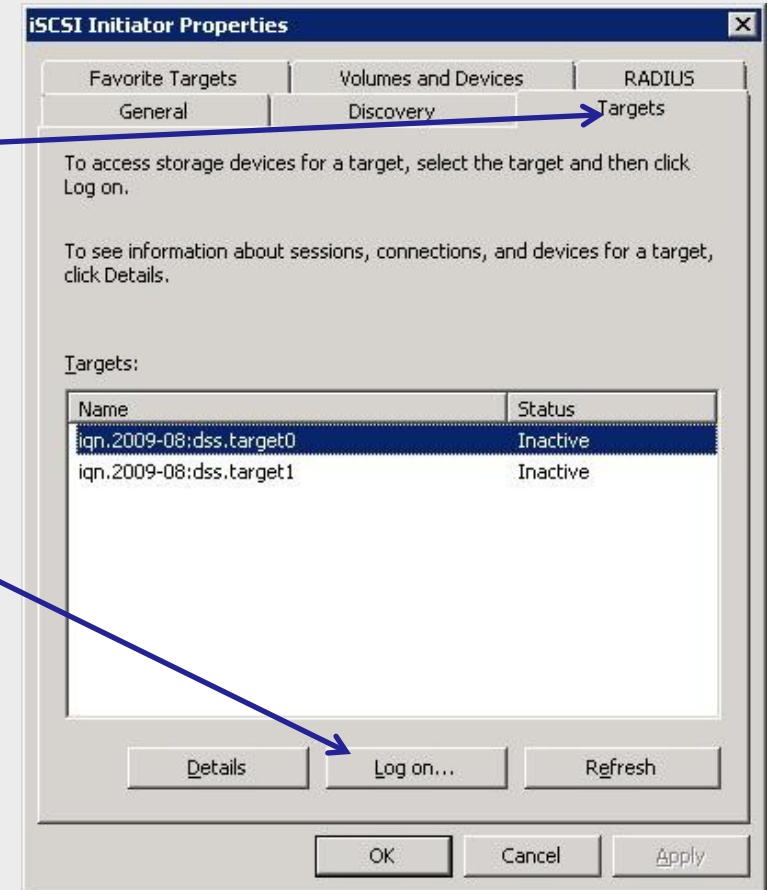
8. iSCSI Initiator configuration

In the iSCSI Initiator you have to visit at least two tabs "**Discovery**" and "**Targets**". On the **Discovery** tab you need to enter the IP address of the iSCSI target. This will be the IP address of DSS V6 server, which in this example is 10.1.1.1. Click "Add Portal" and enter 10.1.1.1



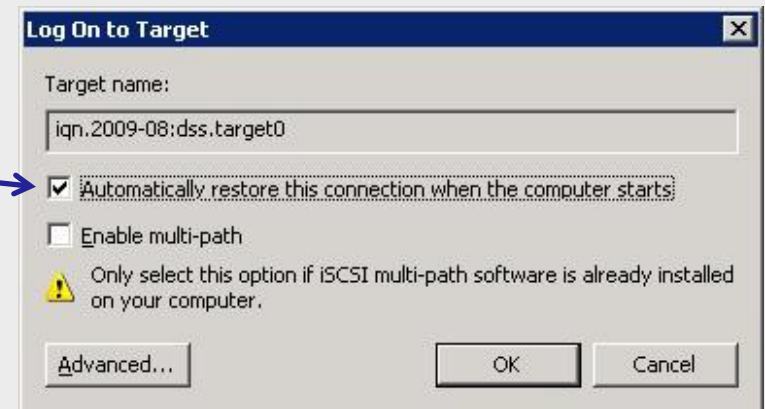
8. iSCSI Initiator configuration

Then go to the "Targets" tab.
You should see two targets, which have been created earlier on the DSS V6. If this is not the case, try to refresh the view using the Refresh button.
Log on to each of them by clicking on the Log on... button.



8. iSCSI Initiator configuration

As a result, a Log On to Target window appears. Select the option to “Automatically restore this connection when the computer starts” and click the OK button.



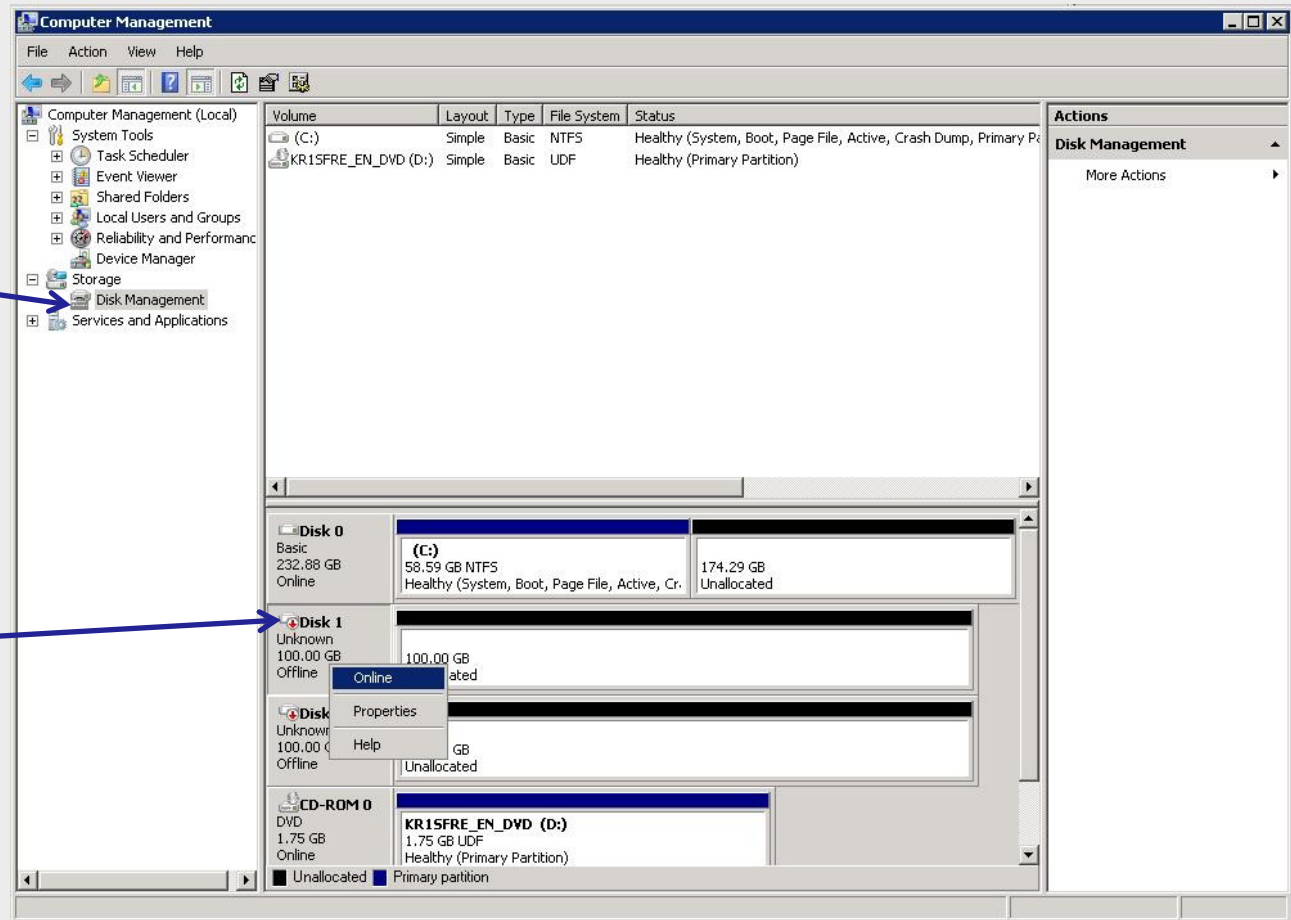
NOTE:

Target status should change from Inactive to Connected. These activities should be conducted on all servers you plan to use as nodes in the cluster, in this example NODE1 and NODE2

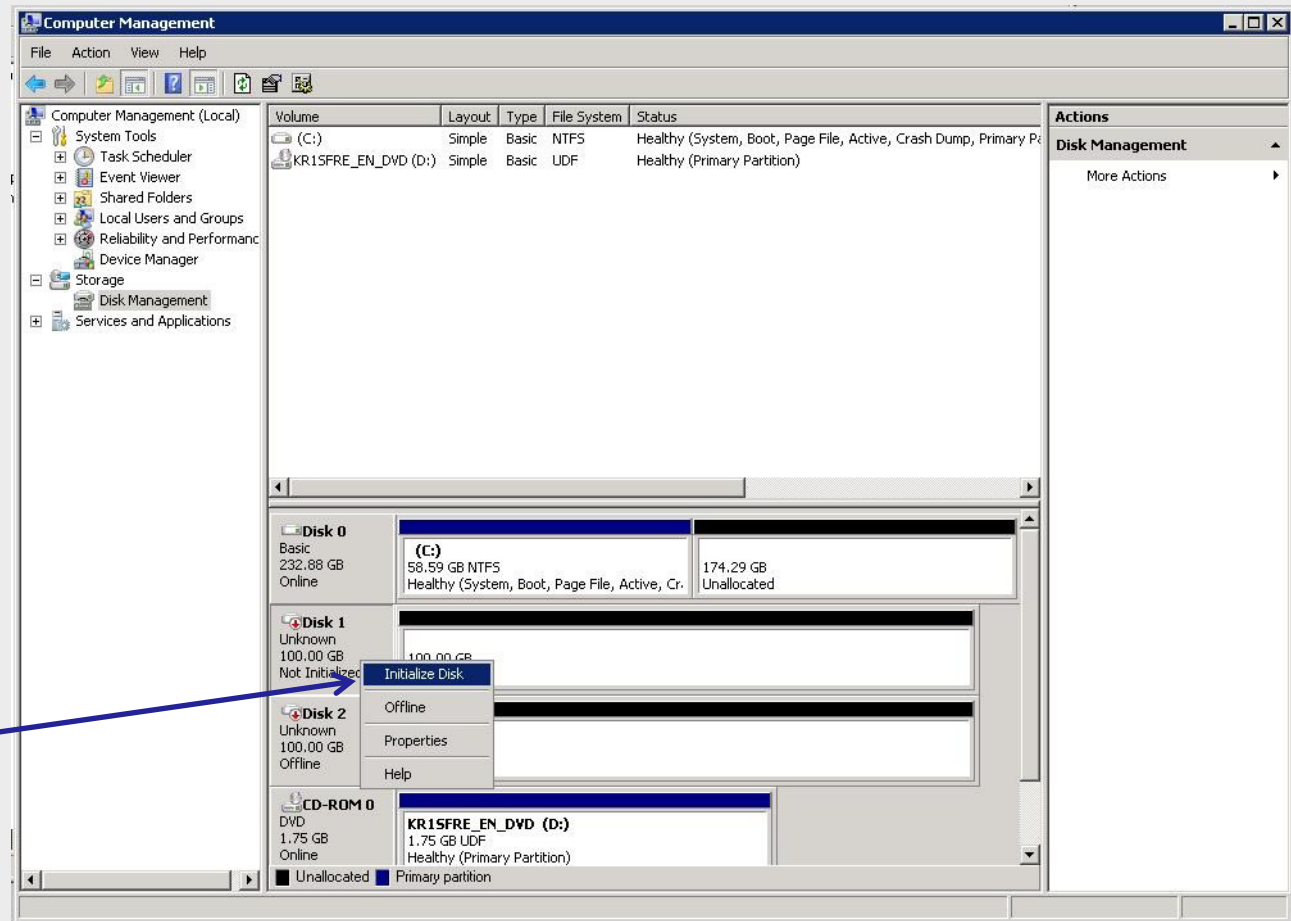
9. Disk Management

In the Disk Management window there should appear both targets added earlier. Click the right button on the first one and select the "Online" menu.

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9. Disk Management

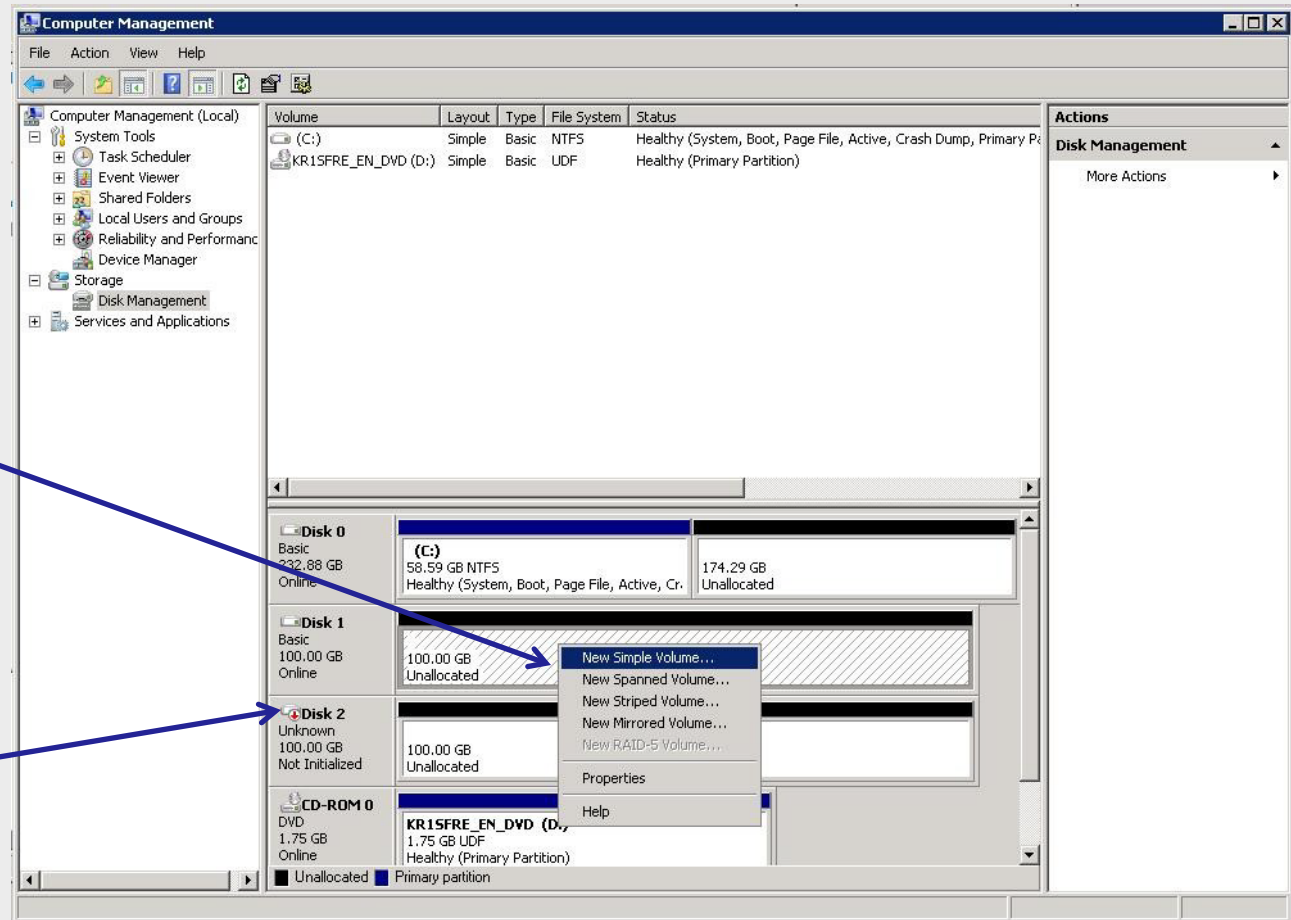


Then re-open the menu, click on "Initialize Disk"

9. Disk Management

Finally you will need to create an "NTFS volume" on the target using the wizard and keeping the default settings.

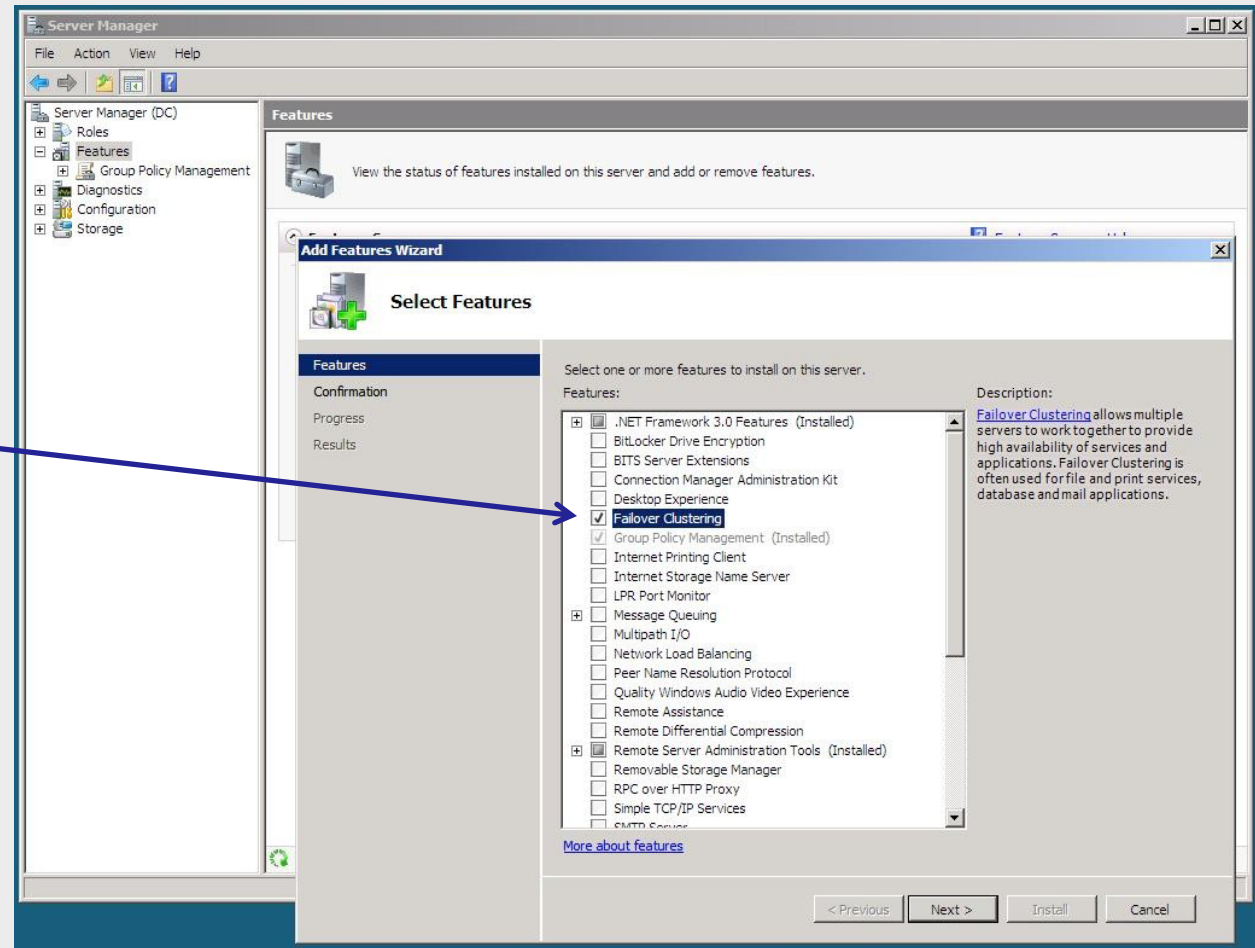
Perform the same steps on the second target.
On the second server (NODE2) go to "Disk Management", click the right button on the target and select "Online" (Slide 16).



10. Failover Clustering configuration

To manage the clusters in Windows 2008 Server use the management console. You can gain access to it after adding the appropriate functionality.

For this purpose, in the Server Manager on both nodes as well as the domain controller right-click on the Features menu and choose "Add Features". In the available list, select "Failover Clustering", then Next and Install.

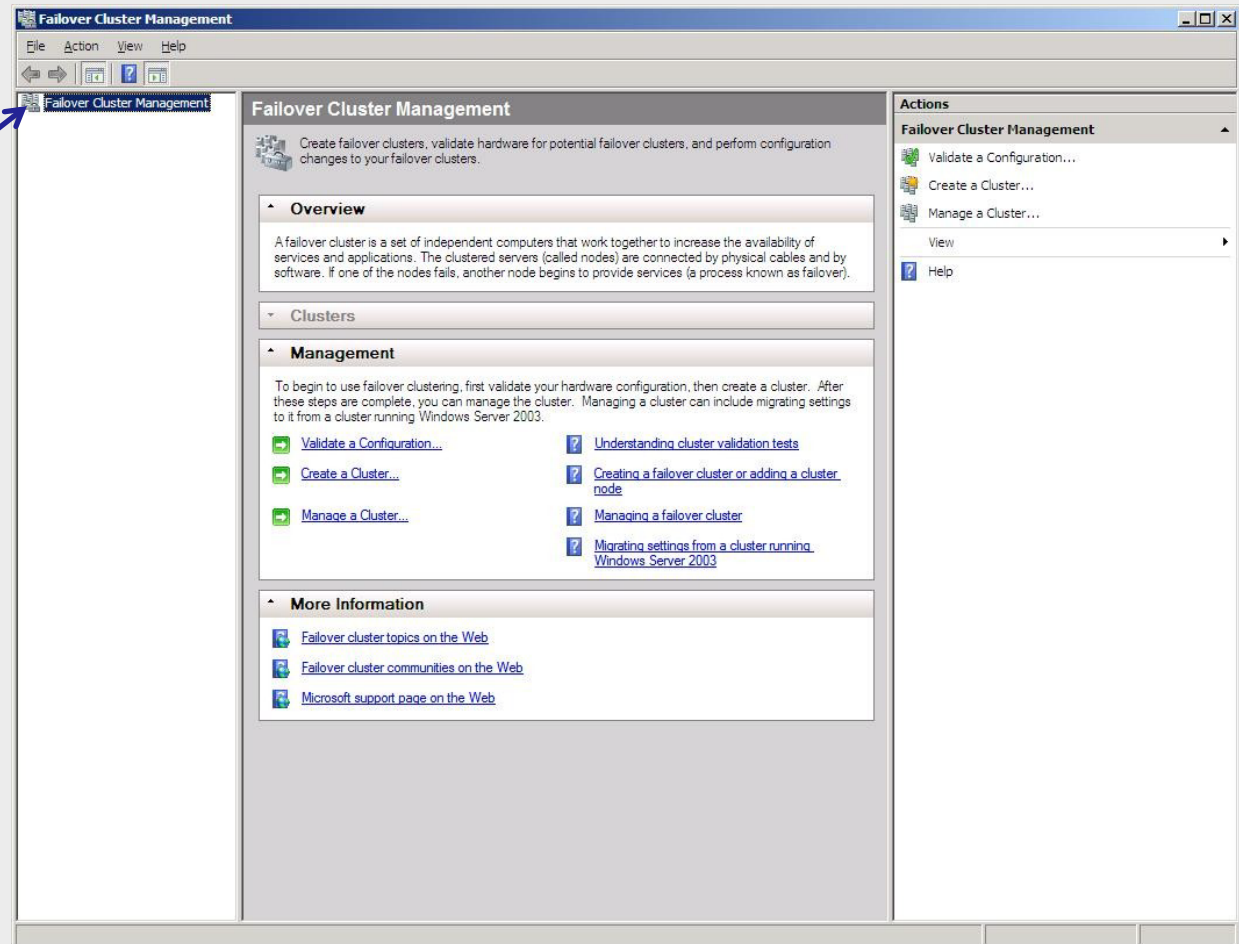


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10. Failover Clustering configuration

On the domain controller run the snap manage clusters: Start - Administrative Tools – “Failover Cluster Management”. From this level you can manage clustering.

One of the first steps that you should take here is to validate the components on which you have installed your cluster. For this purpose, a special wizard has been created, which can be run by clicking on the “**Validate a Configuration**” link in the middle of the console.



10. Failover Clustering configuration

The screenshot shows the 'Validate a Configuration Wizard' window. The title bar reads 'Validate a Configuration Wizard'. The main heading is 'Select Servers or a Cluster'. On the left, a navigation pane lists the steps: 'Before You Begin', 'Select Servers or a Cluster' (which is highlighted), 'Testing Options', 'Confirmation', 'Validating', and 'Summary'. The main area contains instructions: 'To validate a set of servers, add the names of all the servers. To test an existing cluster, add the name of the cluster or one of its nodes.' Below this, there is an 'Enter name:' text box with a 'Browse...' button. Underneath is a 'Selected servers:' list box containing 'node1.open-e.com' and 'node2.open-e.com'. To the right of the list box are 'Add' and 'Remove' buttons. At the bottom of the window are '< Previous', 'Next >', and 'Cancel' buttons. A blue arrow points from a text box on the left to the 'Selected servers:' list box.

Validate a Configuration Wizard

Select Servers or a Cluster

Before You Begin
Select Servers or a Cluster
Testing Options
Confirmation
Validating
Summary

To validate a set of servers, add the names of all the servers.
To test an existing cluster, add the name of the cluster or one of its nodes.

Enter name: Browse...

Selected servers:

- node1.open-e.com
- node2.open-e.com

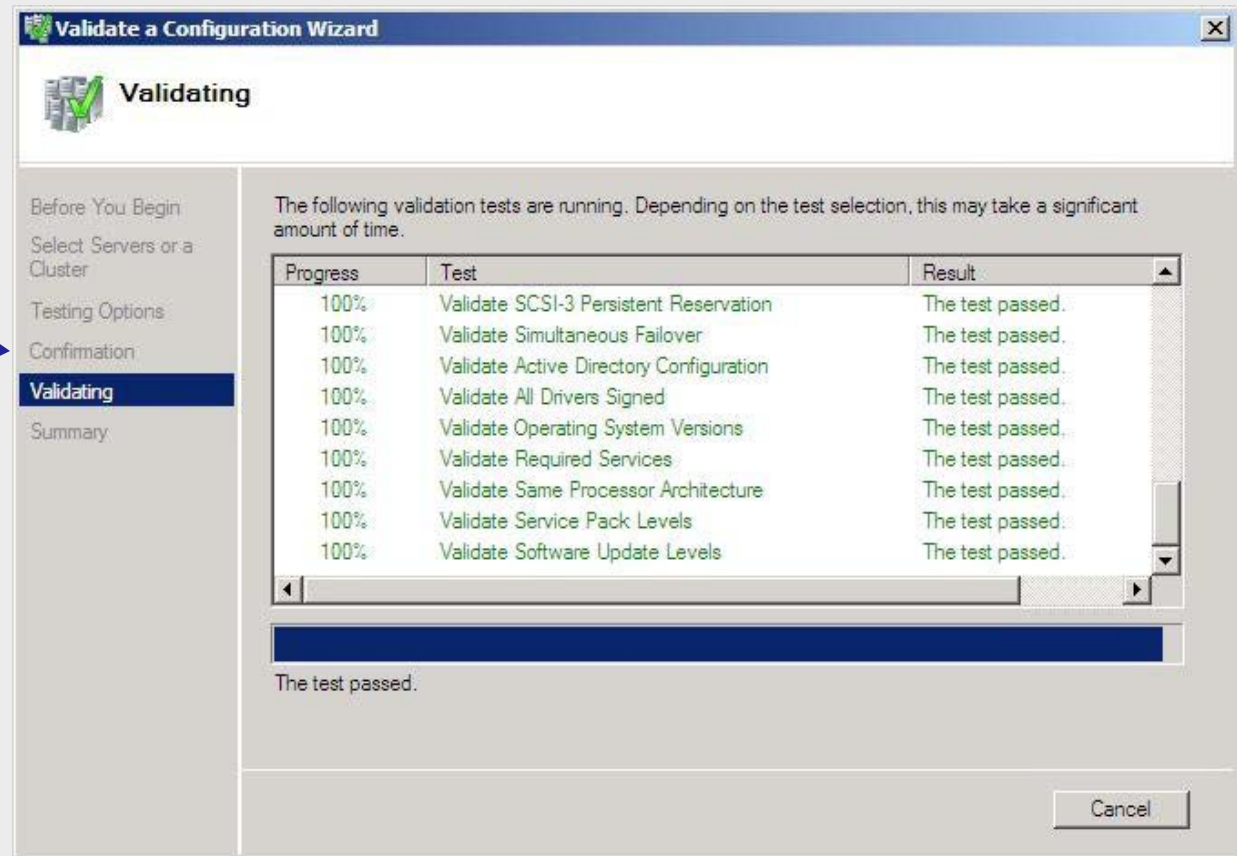
Add Remove

< Previous Next > Cancel

In the wizard, add the two servers:
NODE1, and NODE2.

10. Failover Clustering configuration

Next perform all the tests, in the Testing Options window select the **“Run all tests”** (recommended) option. In the next window (Confirmation), you can view your pre-selected options and run the tests by clicking on Next

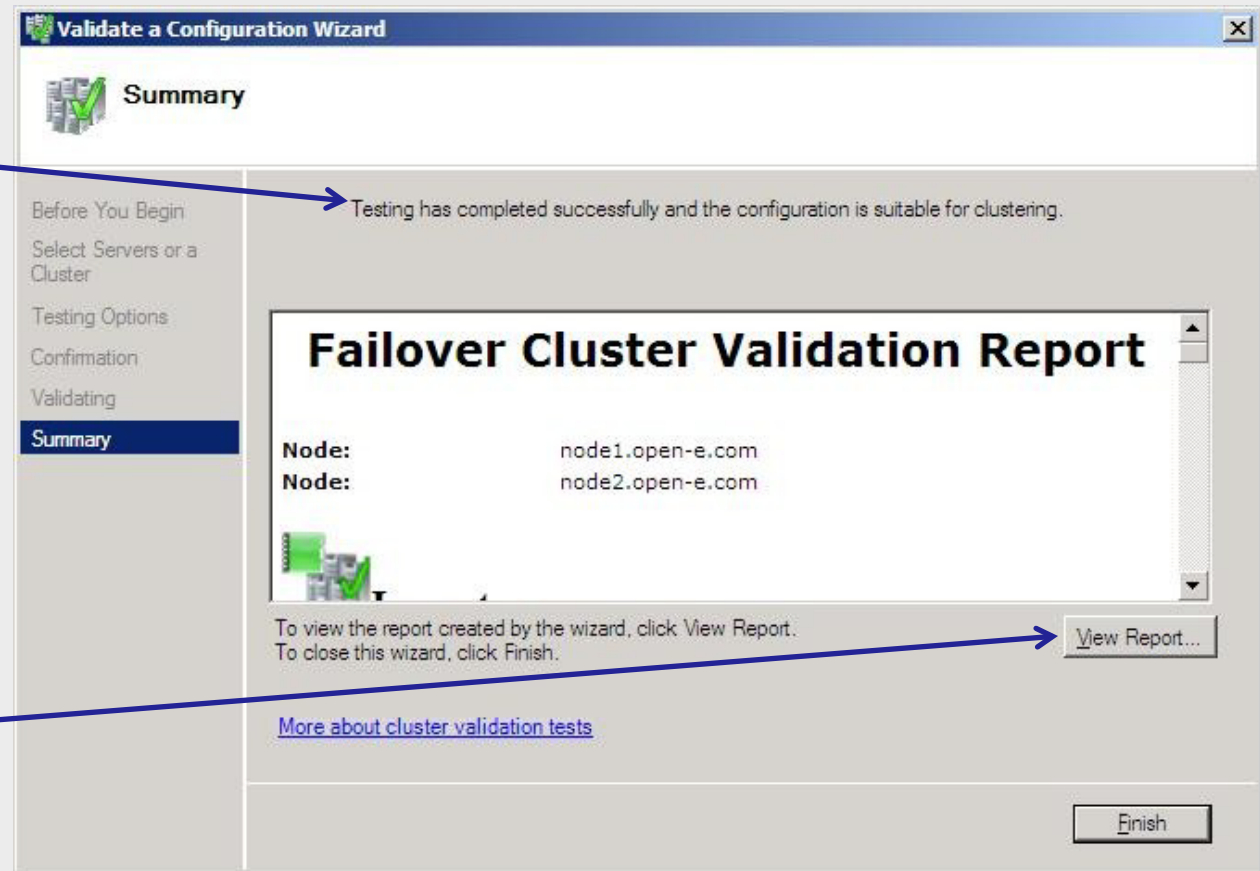


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10. Failover Clustering configuration

If you have done the previous steps correctly, then after a few minutes testing should be completed successfully, and you should receive the following summary: **"Testing has completed successfully and the configuration is suitable for clustering"**.

By clicking on the View Report you can view the Failover Cluster Validation Report, which contains a sizeable list of all the tests carried out along with information about what was tested specifically



NOTE:

If one of the tests fails, it does not necessarily mean that the cluster will not work. However, you need to be aware that in case of any later problems with the cluster this configuration will not qualify for technical support

11. Clustering configuration

On the domain controller, run the Failover Cluster Management console and click on Create Cluster. In the **Select Servers** window, add the servers to perform the role of nodes (**NODE1** and **NODE2**).

In **Access Point for Administering the Cluster**, select the name and IP address of the cluster. This is basically all the information you need to put in. Clicking on **Next** in order confirmation then will begin the process of creating a cluster. After the wizard is finished you can view a report which describes the various activities constituting the cluster installation process.

Create Cluster Wizard

Access Point for Administering the Cluster

Before You Begin
Select Servers
Access Point for Administering the Cluster
Confirmation
Creating New Cluster
Summary

Type the name you want to use when administering the cluster.

Cluster Name:

One or more IPv4 addresses could not be configured automatically. For each network to be used, make sure the network is selected, and then type an address.

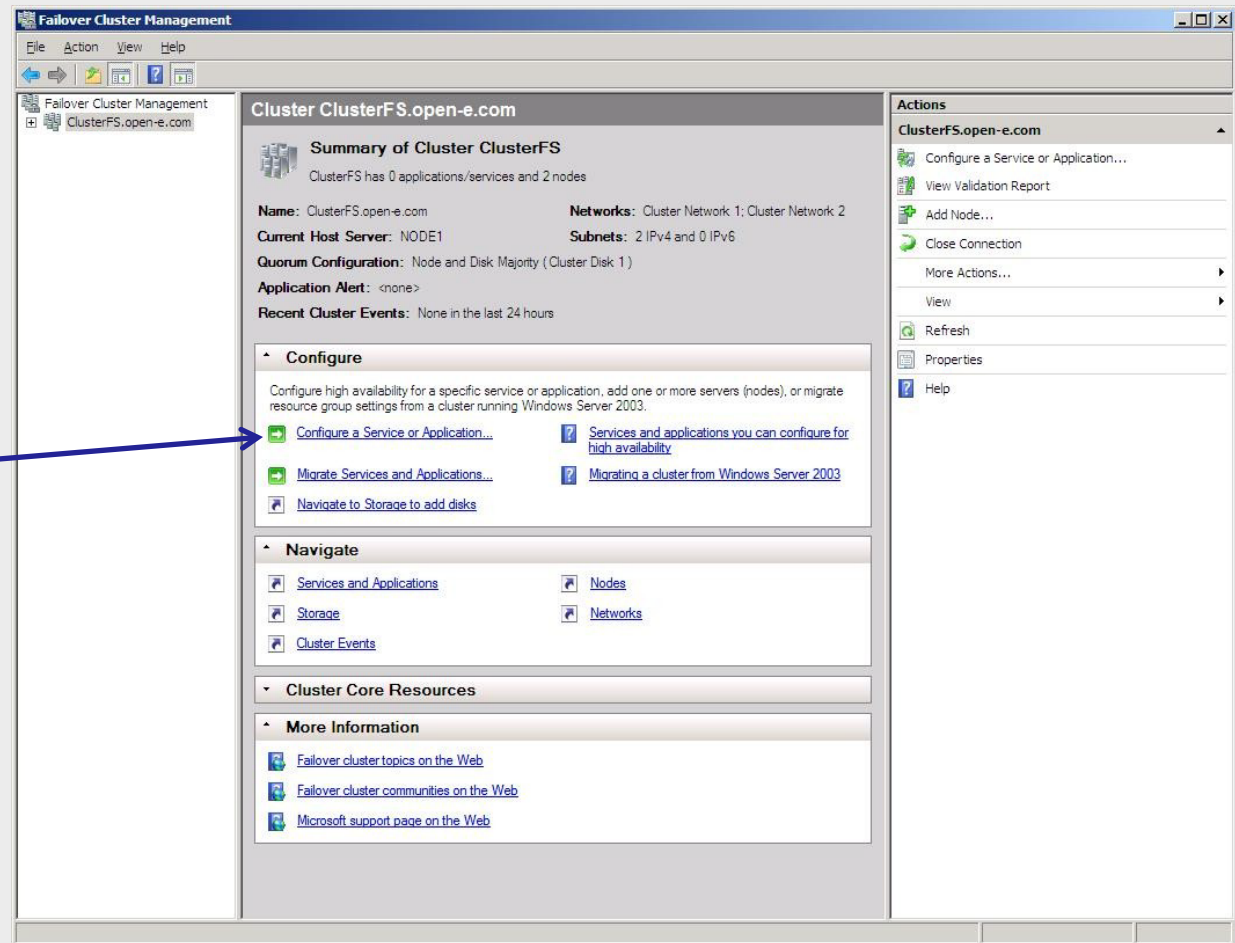
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	192.168.240.0/20	192 . 168 . 250 . 20

[More about the administrative Access Point for a cluster](#)

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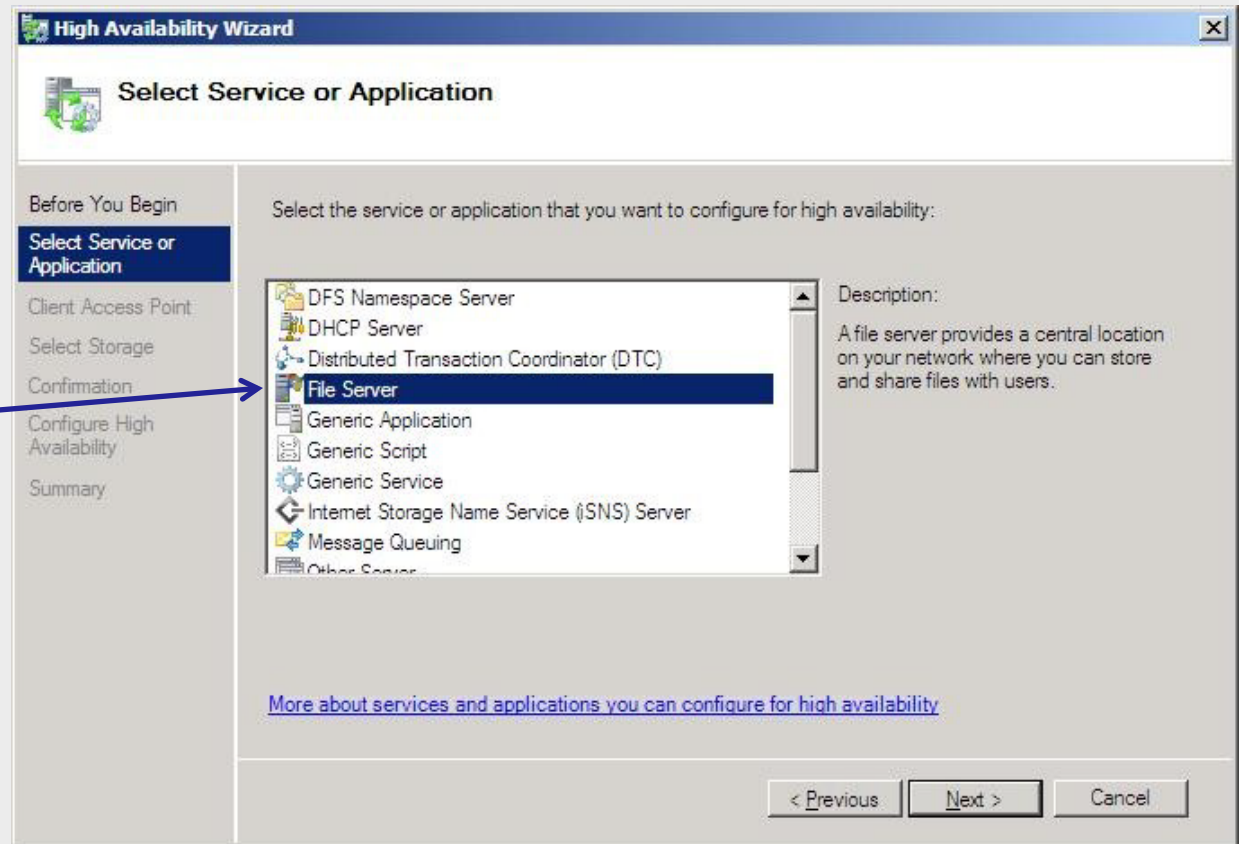
11. Clustering configuration

After creating the cluster you need to configure the cluster services, e.g. a file serving capability. In the "Failover Cluster Management" console, right-click on the "Services and Applications" menu and select "Configure a Service or Application ..."



11. Clustering configuration

In the wizard, mark the High Availability Wizard, next File Server and click Next .



11. Clustering configuration

Next Define the name of the file server and its IP address and click Next.

In **Select Storage** mark the only available drive and click **Next**, then allow the wizard to configure a highly available file server. Now, you only need to provide resources to users.

High Availability Wizard

Client Access Point

Before You Begin
Select Service or Application
Client Access Point
Select Storage
Confirmation
Configure High Availability
Summary

Type the name that clients will use when accessing this service or application:

Name:

One or more IPv4 addresses could not be configured automatically. For each network to be used, make sure the network is selected, and then type an address.

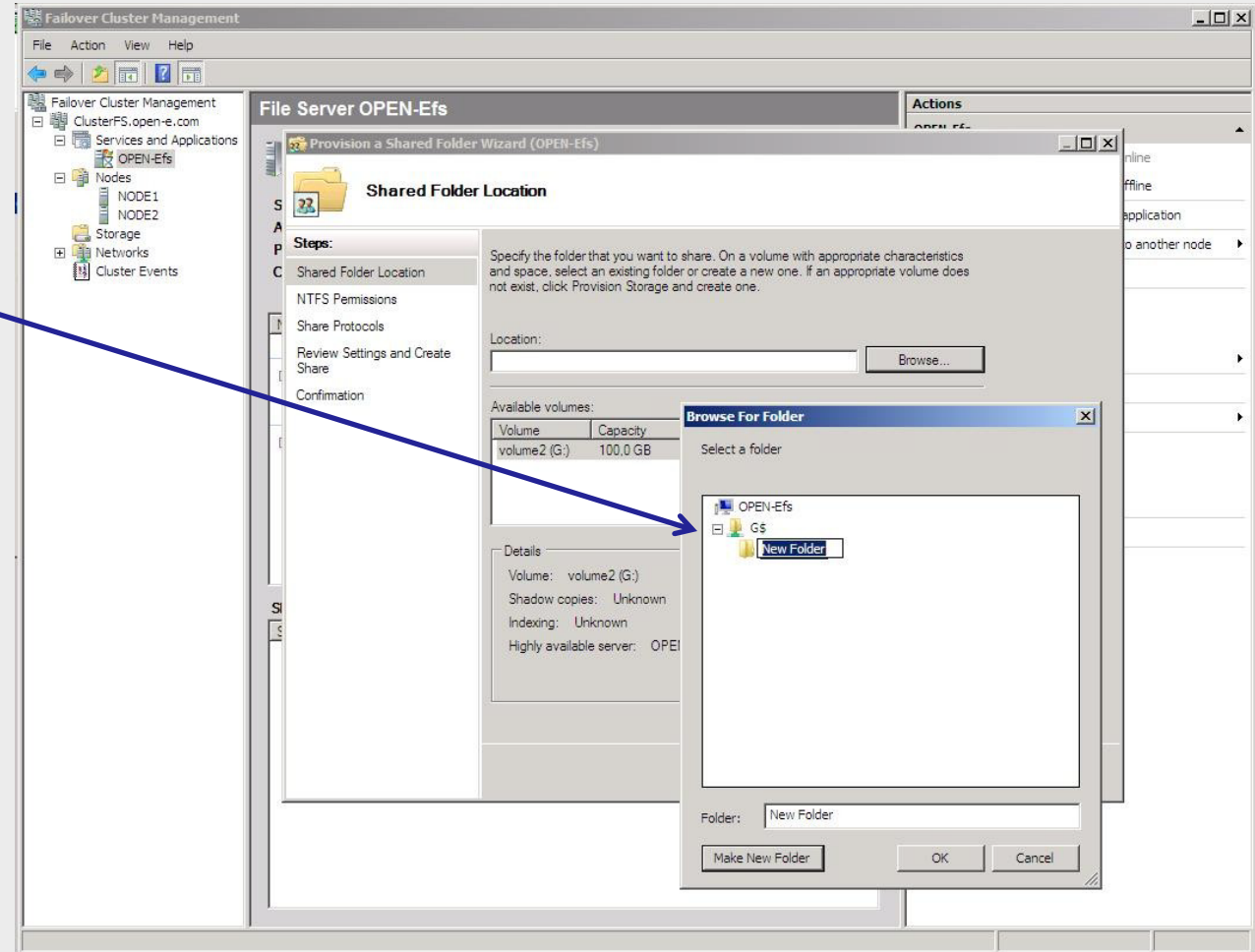
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[More about how clients access a clustered service or application](#)

< Previous Next > Cancel

11. Clustering configuration

For this purpose, start the Failover Cluster Management console on the domain controller and right-click on the cluster name. Afterwards select Add a shared folder and click **Browse** to create a new directory



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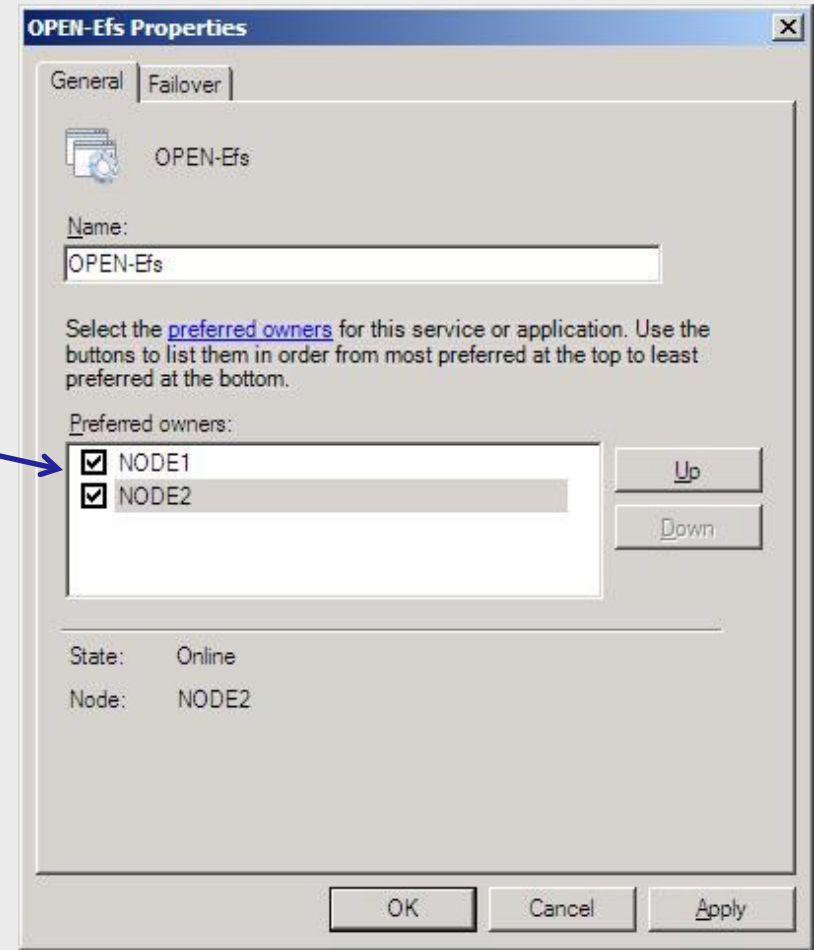
11. Clustering configuration

The next wizard window is mainly concerned with NTFS and access rights. Adjust them according to your own needs. You can access the shared cluster resources by typing `\[cluster_name]`

If you need auto failback you have to start the Failover Cluster Management console on the domain controller and select **Properties** after right-clicking on the cluster name. Next, select preferred nodes and click **Allow failback** on the **Failover** tab.

NOTE:

To test the configuration, you can start copying a file to the cluster resources and then turn off NODE2. After a few seconds, control should be delegated to NODE1 and the copying should resume.



The configuration and testing of clustering is now complete.

Thank you!